

Ireland



Official Title: Ireland

General Information:

Capital	Dublin	Population (million)	4.69
Total Area	70,280 km ²		
Currency	1 CAN\$=0.68208 EURO (EUR) (2016 - Annual average)		
National Holiday	March 17, Saint Patrick's Day		
Language(s)	English, Irish (Gaelic)		

Political Information:

Type of State Republic

Type of Government

Parliamentary democracy. National Parliament (Oireachtas) consists of the President and two houses: Dáil Éireann (House of Representatives, 166 seats) and Seanad Éireann (Senate, 60 seats) with powers and functions derived from the Constitution of Ireland (enacted July 1st 1937). Each House has power under its Standing Orders to form Committees for specific purposes. The Prime Minister (leader of the majority party or coalition) is nominated by the House of Representatives and appointed by the President.



Head of State

President
Michael D. Higgins

Head of Government

Prime Minister
(Taoiseach) Leo Varadkar (T.D.)

Ministers: Foreign Affairs and Trade: Simon Coveney (T.D.)
Finance: Paschal Donohoe (T.D.)
Enterprise and Innovation: Francis Fitzgerald (T.D.)

Main Political Parties

Fine Gael (FG); Labour Party (Lab); Fianna Fáil (FF); Sinn Féin (SF); Socialist Party (SP); People Before Profit (PBP); Workers and Unemployed Action Group (WUAG)

House of Representatives: FG (70), Lab (34), FF (20), SF (14), SP (2), PBP (1), WUAG (1), Independents (23), Chair (1)
Senate: FG (19), Lab (11), FF (14), SF (3), Independents (13)

Elections: President (7 year term) : next in 2018. Senate members, House of Rep. (both 5 year term): next in 2021.

Economic Information: (2016)

IMF/Statistics Canada

	Ireland	Canada
GDP: (billion)	\$389.10	\$2,026.59
GDP per capita:	\$82,910.03	\$55,938.56
GDP Growth rate: (%)	5.22	1.43
Inflation: (%)	-0.21	1.41
Unemployment: (%)	7.92	7.00

Product Trade and Investment: (2016)

Statistics Canada

Canadian Exports:	\$496,017,936
Canadian Imports:	\$1,934,344,594
Foreign Direct Investment in Canada	\$6,977 (million)
Canadian Direct Investment to Ireland	\$3,719 (million)

Representation:

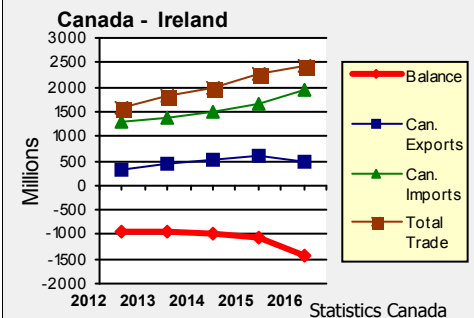
Foreign Representation in Canada

Ambassador-designate James Kelly

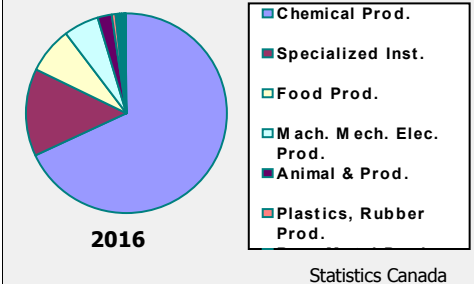
Canadian Representation Abroad

Ambassador Kevin Vickers

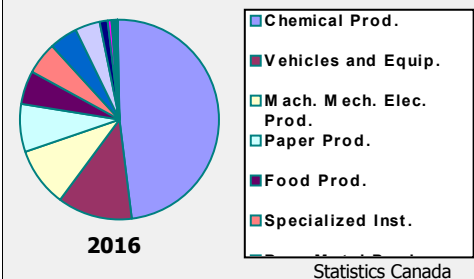
Bilateral Product trade



Canadian Imports from: Ireland



Canadian Exports to: Ireland



Sources:
Statistics/Industry Canada
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